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ALEXANDER WINKER)
Serial No.: 10/040,305) Group Art Unit: 3679
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1. U.S. Patent No. 5,871,402, inventors Bächle, issued February 16, 1999;
2. U.S. Patent No. 5,597,279, inventors Thomas et al., issued January 28, 1997;
3. U.S. Patent No. 4,969,788, inventor Goiny, issued November 13, 1990;
4. PCT Publication No. WO 00/27653, published May 18, 2000; and
5. UK Patent Application No. 2,138,529A, published October 24, 1984.

Copies of the foregoing documents are provided with this paper. In addition, these documents are listed on the enclosed PTO Form FB-A820. Applicant respectfully requests that the

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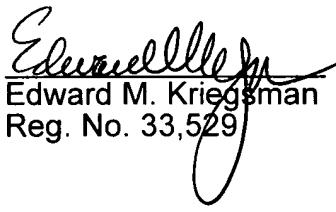
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